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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 20, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

ARGO Steering Committee

SUBJECT: ARGO Charter

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on changes  
& follow)

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The attached draft ARGO charter is furnished for review and coordination by your agency. The draft has been revised in accordance with your comments and discussion during the July ARGO meeting.

I envision that the charter for the ARGO Steering Committee will be finalized at the next ARGO meeting currently scheduled for September 29, 1970, Room 208, EOB.

Chairman  
ARGO Steering Committee

Attachment - Cy 6-A

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PROPOSED ARGO STEERING COMMITTEE CHARTER

The ARGO Steering Committee serves as the focal point between the intelligence community and civil agencies to achieve optimum utilization of the overt and covert reconnaissance satellite and aircraft systems product in fulfilling the requirements of the <sup>Civil</sup> Federal <sup>agencies</sup> government for remotely sensed data.

In order to achieve this purpose, the ARGO Steering Committee is composed of the following member and liaison organizations:

Member Organizations

OST *spen out*, Exec. Off. of the Pres.  
Department of Commerce  
Department of the Interior  
Department of Transportation  
Office of Emergency Preparedness, *Exec. Off. of the Pres.*  
Department of Agriculture  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Department of State (AID)  
Office, Chief of Engineers (Civil Works), *Dept. of Army*

Liaison Organizations *Representatives*

National Aeronautics and Space Council  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
~~COMIREX of USIB~~ *Representative of The DCI*  
National Photographic Interpretation Center  
National Reconnaissance Office  
Office of Management and Budget

The committee is charged with the following tasks:

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- a. Review for feasibility and consolidate ARGO members' data requirements;
- b. <sup>Discuss</sup> ~~Submit~~ when necessary ARGO members' requirements <sup>w. the</sup> ~~to~~ the intelligence community for action;
- c. Explore applications of systems and techniques developed <sup>to determine the extent to which those systems & techniques might</sup> by the intelligence community <sup>for solving</sup> ARGO members' needs <sup>by</sup> ~~conducting pilot tests and issuing reports on these tests;~~
- d. Inform itself on NASA satellite and aircraft experimentation proposals to insure on behalf of member agencies that such proposals <sup>systems developed within</sup> ~~extend knowledge and~~ build on lessons learned from the intelligence <sup>community</sup> ~~system developments,~~ and
- e. Study in conjunction with the intelligence community means <sup>useful to the civil agencies</sup> for sanitization and declassification of information <sup>derived from the</sup> covert systems.

The Chairman of the ARGO Steering Committee will review ARGO member agency requests for access to covert system information which bear relevance to ARGO activities. These requests, along with the results of his review, will be submitted to the <sup>Chairman,</sup> COMIREX for <sup>action as core of satellites and to DOD with copy to COMIREX</sup> ~~action as core of satellites~~ <sup>in the case of air craft.</sup>

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